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**Heavy lifting:** A crane is being used to move along construction of the Liberal Arts and DSPS Complex. The process is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2014 so students can occupy classes in fall of 2014.

## Zoned for Construction 2013-2014

### Cerritos College is prepared for continued construction

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With the Liberal Arts and Disabled Student Programs and Services Complex in current construction, Cerritos College has a lot of construction and renovation projects ahead for the upcoming semesters.

According to Director of Physical Plant and Construction Services David Moore, the Liberal Arts and DSPS Complex will be completed the summer of 2014.

"That's our big push this summer as far as construction goes," he said.

Gaby Valencia, liberal arts major, is only in her first year at Cerritos College and says that she looks forward to taking classes in the new building.

Although she is looking forward to the finished product, she feels there is still a negative effect to construction on campus.

"I think it's just harder to get to class on time, because (construction) is kind of in the way," Valencia said.

A renovation project that is coming up

will be the re-roofing of the Learning Resource Center, which is the biggest building on campus with about 90,000 square feet.

The LRC will be accessible to students during the time of the renovation, except for the steps that lead to the top of the building and one classroom that is only accessible through the outside stairs.

Moore said, "(The LRC) really needs it, if you've every been inside, there's multiple leaks."

There may be some disruption during this renovation period, but most of the work will be done during the night time.

Moore said this process should go smoothly, and he hopes it is done by the time the fall 2013 semester starts, unless there are any delays.

He also added that the LRC will receive some mechanical fixes like new air conditioning.

Also receiving a renovation is the culinary arts kitchen.

There are two buildings that are currently in what is called the "design development phase" which are the Fine Arts Building and

the Math and Computer Science Building.

The Fine Arts Building has had some hands on attention during its design phase from members of the departments that will be in the new building.

The building will host the departments of arts and design, journalism and photography.

Fine arts instructor, and Curriculum Committee Chair, Richard Cameron has assisted in this process for most of the current school year.

Cameron feels that the current Fine Arts Building is "showing age" by having tiles sometimes fall from the ceiling, as well as poles extending from the ceiling to the floor to hold electrical wires.

"The first thing we will notice is we will have an up to date building. One that is built with computers and technologies in mind," Cameron said.

The Math and Computer Science Building will accompany the Fine Arts Building in construction during the Fall 2014 semester and will be occupied during January of

2016.

According to Cerritos College President Dr. Linda Lacy, there is still some construction in question, with the Performing Arts Center, the Falcon Center and the Business Education / Language Arts Building.

There is still time to figure out if this project will be funded by the state or from a local bond.

Lacy is in hopes that it will be voted in during the November 2014 ballot, so the process of construction can begin.

With every new building, about 50 parking spaces will become available and according to Lacy by the time all construction is complete Cerritos College will have about 500 new parking spaces available.

Lacy also mentioned that with online course offerings, more students will be at home doing work for classes and not at the campus everyday, and eventually this will help a problem of crowded parking lots.

"(Parking is) a concern, but I think we are moving in the right direction to meet that need," Lacy said.

## Crime rate lower this semester

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Last semester the college was plagued by a series of break-ins and vandalism across campus that resulted in stolen property and damage to offices.

Since then campus police have installed extra security and have raised the presence of officers on campus.

According to Chief Richard Bukowiecki of the campus police there has not been an increase in crime since then, and that the break-ins on campus were an anomaly.

"We've taken several steps including staffing changes, some infrastructure changes, you'll see there's some cameras up in the area now. Since the initial thefts we haven't had any additional break-ins."

One of the new security upgrades are the new cameras installed in the Learning Resource Center where intruders stole eight Mac computers from the Math Success Center.

The ASCC building has been upgraded with new security measures. The extra security gives Nikki Jones from Judicial Affairs a little peace of mind and make her feel safer.

She said, "We have new cameras and panic buttons. We've tested (the panic buttons) and got a quick response (from campus police)."

I feel much better with the cameras here. We're being watched better than before."

David Trejo, a law major, has been coming to Cerritos College for two years and has never had a problem on campus.

While he's happy that the school has increased security he is unsure how he feels about the extra security.

"Naturally its good, but it gets to a point where it's an issue of privacy. I guess right now (the police officers are) doing their best. There's not really much we can ask from them."

While security on campus has been increased Bukowiecki said that the break-ins were not the type of crime that the campus police usually deals with.

"It's ... important to remember the break-ins, the thefts of the computers at the library were very rare events," said Bukowiecki, "That's really not our problem on campus. As I always say our biggest problem on campus is the theft of unattended property."

Bukowiecki explained that most of the cases the police tend to involves people walking off with phones, backpacks, and other personal items that are left out in the open.

One of the most common places that people have had their stuff taken has been the library.

Bukowiecki went on to say that students can help the police by reporting any suspicious activity to the police as soon as they see it.

### ASCC Banquet honors students and teachers for accomplishments

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Contributor

Outgoing Associated Students of Cerritos College President Lance Makinano and his senators ended their term with the ASCC Awards Banquet on Friday, in the Cerritos College Student Center.

Makinano said, "I've been to a lot of these ceremonies and this is probably the most packed I've seen it, so I was very impressed."

The ceremony consisted of dinner and dessert provided by the Culinary Arts Department, followed by the awards ceremony.

Awards and scholarships were given out to both ASCC senators and students from different majors.

Being awarded Woman of the Year, ASCC Chief Justice Jessica Hirani said she was not expecting the award. Along with Hirani, ASCC Senator Janet Pargot also received the award.

Hirani said about sharing the award with her colleague, "She's like my older sister and, you know, I love her so much and I was so happy that she got it because she worked really, really hard this se-

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LANCE MAKINANO  
Outgoing ASCC President

mester."

Receiving Man of the Year, Aldo Lopez called both Makinano and Jason Macias to join him on stage for the award.

Lopez said that he was not the only man who should receive the award.

As well as the awards, incoming ASCC President Juan Ramirez and incoming Vice President Aldemar Sanchez were sworn into office by Hirani.

Makinano said about his successor, Ramirez, "I feel that (Ramirez) will do an excellent job with (Sanchez) as his second in command."

"I think that the school can go to the next level that it needs to be at."

After Ramirez and Sanchez were sworn into office, then Makinano gave out the special awards

to his senators.

He said that the special awards were personal to him because he has worked alongside the senators for two semesters and knew the amount of dedication they had for the Cerritos College student body.

Among the special awards given, Makinano gave a Resolution Award to Cerritos College president Linda Lacy.

Makinano was also given his own Resolution Award by President Lacy but said it was just a coincidence since he did not know he would be receiving the award.

Lacy, not expecting to be given an award, gave both Makinano and outgoing Vice President Lopez a hug and kiss on the cheek upon receiving her award.

Makinano said he that he has seen Lacy being thanked but never awarded publicly by ASCC for the things she does for the student government and the student body.

"I want all the students to know that she fights for us every day and, without her, the college would be in a worse situation so that's why I felt that she deserved to be awarded."



LAUREN GANDARA/TM

**Awards:** Teachers receiving their awards from Associated Students of Cerritos College at the banquet. The ASCC Banquet was held on Friday in the Student Center.



**Speaking up:** Phi Ro Pi Club Vice President, Analia Avila (right) speaking during the faculty student debate Thursday. Avila was paired up with speech instructor Bill Sparks during the debate on syllabus changes.

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## Calendar of events

**May 18**

**Commencement at 5 p.m. at Falcon Stadium**

**Finals Begin**

**May 23**

**Outstanding Classified and Confidential Awards  
11 a.m. in the Student Center**

**May 24**

**End of semester**

**May 27**

**Memorial Day campus closed**

# Technology vs tradition debate

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April Griffin, director of the forensics team and speech instructor, organized the faculty and student debate held on Thursday to discuss the possibility of having an online-only syllabus for students in the upcoming semesters.

Griffin organized two other showcases this year and she hopes to have her debate students, "continue to go to national events and stay competitive."

"I knew I had done (both) an online syllabus and had printed (the syllabus) out. So I was interested to know what would be best for my students," Griffin said.

Arguing for the online-only syllabus, was Phi Ro Pi Club President, Matt Hamilton and faculty member Bryan Reece, dean of academic success.

The opposing side consisted of club Vice President Analia Avila and speech instructor Bill Sparks.

Hamilton and Reece argued that an online-only syllabus would be the best for Cerritos College as it would save paper and money.

They also discussed how the saved money could go to making two new classes a semester.

Hamilton mentioned that this is the future of teaching, working with technology is important since it is available to us, and how it would be more interactive with a "multimedia syllabus instead of the traditional paper."

A key point of the positive side of the argument was expanding the syllabus to have links and videos to make it more interesting and informative.

Reece argued that faculty should use technology more in its teaching techniques.

"(A paper syllabus has been) gradually phasing out over the past four semesters. Technology isn't integrated into teaching, but faculty will become better with technology over time," Reece said during the debate.

The opposing side's argument focused a lot of its energy on the fact that disabled students would not be able to have what they need to read the syllabus if it were to be online-only. This argument won the debate.

"(An online only syllabus system) goes against (the) title II Disability Act of 1990," Avila said.

The Title II states that all students with disability should have easy access to the things that accommodate their needs.

Another key point they made was the cost would just be shifted to students.

"Students would have to pay for the printing of the syllabus instead of the teachers. Some are eight pages long and the library is the only place to really print the syllabus out," Avila said.

In the closing of the debate both teams told the audience, which consisted of mainly students, their last arguments.

After an audience vote, the team of Avila and Sparks won the debate.



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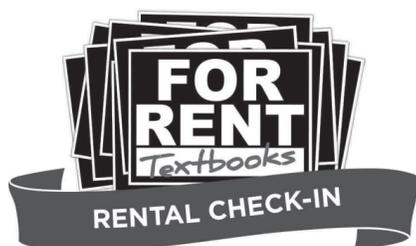
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# Therapy dog provides help to students



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**Therapeutic:** Hudson is a dog used in the Student Health Center that has been trained to help out students as a type of therapy.

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Hudson is a very busy dog, not only is he a therapy dog who is used in the Student Health Center, he has helped raise money for animal shelters.

On Monday, a group of students from a social psychology class set up on the sidewalk outside the library to raise money for the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority.

According to the organization's website the group was established in 1975, and that "SEAACA is committed to providing programs for the caring of abandoned and unwanted pets, reuniting lost pets with their families and matching new homes for adoptable pets." (<http://bit.ly/84Z20r>)

Psychology major Delmy Rodriguez said that the group had to choose an organization to raise funds for, and that they felt that animal shelters were underrepresented.

"We chose SEAACA, because I believe animals are the most forgotten ... because everyone gives fund to donate to women's battered shelter, or situations like that."

Rodriguez explained that Hudson was there to help attract students to the group's booth and show how a dog adopted from a shelter can help people.

"It gives people incentive to donate because they get to see what kind of animals that are in the animal shelter. It kind of tugs at people's hearts."

Hillary Mennella, Hudson's

owner and a nurse practitioner at the Student Health Center, says that having therapy dogs at the center has been helpful for patients.

While Mennella has owned Hudson for seven years she started bringing him to the center two months ago and he has already had an effect on patients.

"Basically (Hudson is) there to provide comfort for the patients. We don't force the dog in the room if they don't like animals.

For example (the Student Health Center) had a patient last week who was having a panic attack and she was really upset and was crying.

She was OK with having a dog during the visit and he went right up to her and calmed her down, (until she stopped crying," Mennella said.

## Anti-abortion activists speak out

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"We're here for the Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust," said Mary Rose, a volunteer who was invited to Cerritos College by religious studies major Jose Espinoza.

The Survivors are a Christian, anti-abortion activist group, that targets high school and college age adults.

According to its website, "If you were born after 1972, we challenge you to consider yourself a Survivor of the Abortion Holocaust. 1/3 of your generation has been killed by abortion in America." (<http://bit.ly/2SEcrB>)

Rose was on campus Tuesday trying to educate students about

abortion and the effects of the procedures.

According to a 2008 study by the Guttmacher Institute, 214,190 women obtained abortions in California "producing a rate of 27.6 abortions per 1,000 women of reproductive age." (<http://bit.ly/uV8ZR>)

The group consisting of Rose and some volunteers passed out pamphlets.

It also put up poster boards containing information about the methods used at different stages of development.

Another board contained a photo of an aborted fetus with the question "Does this bother you?"

"We're just here trying to engage conversations with students in a peaceful manner, regarding

the issue of being pro-life and the issue of the harsh reality of abortion," Espinoza said.

Students on campus had different reactions to the posters.

Daysy Maldonado, a kinesiology major, was surprised by the pictures but supports the group.

"I'm against abortion. It didn't bother me whatsoever. They were kind of disturbing. From far away I couldn't tell what it was."

Psychology major Oscar Jaramillo was not offended by the posters.

"Well it really doesn't bother me, but I know it might bother some other people because it's a public campus and they shouldn't really be showing that."



CARLOS HOLGUIN/TM

**Pro-choice:** Mary Rose, a volunteer from Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust, educated students about abortion procedures.

## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2013 GRADUATES!

*Miledy Hernandez*

*I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known. ~Author Unknown*



*You have truly grown this year; as a leader and an individual. You have made me so proud, my little Angel. You have been the shining star of this year for me. Go out there and do the best you can! I will always be here for you if you ever need a lift!  
Love you!*

*We wish to congratulate Jesus Fraire*



*He has been accepted to Berkeley and transfers in the fall 2013.  
We are very proud!*

*CONGRATS GRAD!*

*Angie Hortua*

*The future lies before you  
Like a field of driven snow,  
Be careful how you tread it,  
For every step will show.  
~Author Unknown*

*My little niece, I don't know what I will do without you next year. Your smile lights up my day and your attitude is an inspiration!*

*Remember to keep in touch with your Auntie!  
I am so proud of you!!! Good luck at CSULB - Go, Beach!  
Love always, Your Auntie*



*Sarah Niemann*

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

**Just wanted to say how proud I am of you. You are going places I know it! Have fun at ASU! Go Sun Devils!!! -Alex**

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*- Jerry McClain*

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*Congratulations Journalism Program Graduates of 2013!*



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**Congratulations from the Mass Communications Department**



"If you were ruler of the world what laws would you make?"

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**BRENDA RIVERA**  
Psychology major  
"Make weapons illegal, because everybody seems to be using them and making (them) illegal would just reduce mass killings."

**SAMUEL FLORES**  
Psychology major

"Equality (for) everyone. Like how they say all men were created equal that would be basically my main focus."



**MARIA CABRA**  
Liberal arts major

"No homeless in the world. There would be homes for everyone."

**KEVIN GARCIA**  
Architecture major

"I would banish abortion and same sex marriage."



**VALERIE REAL**  
Veterinary medicine major  
"I would give freedom of speech. It seems people are shut down in society just because they have different perspectives."

**KATHRYN MURPHY**  
Education major

"School is so expensive right now. So I would (do) something that would have to do with more funding for school so that students can go to college."



•EDITORIAL•



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## Better to be late than sorry

As the number of cars on the road increases, not only are more vehicles zooming on the highways and pushing parking lots beyond capacity, but there are a lot more angry drivers.

The anger that these drivers express on the road has been coined by many as "road rage."

Road rage is defined on the Merriam-Webster website as "a motorist's uncontrolled anger that is usually provoked by another motorist's irritating act and is expressed in aggressive or violent behavior."

Just about every driver you ask has experienced it one time or another.

The fact it is extremely avoidable if time management and self control are both utilized.

In April of this year, a video of a Marine sergeant at Camp Pendleton in San Diego County went viral af-

ter the man reacted violently toward a driver and the driver's sister, whose car rear ended him.

In the video, the sergeant is seen kicking the victim's car, screaming profanities, and eventually having to be restrained before being arrested by military police.

While this could be seen as a situation of post-traumatic stress disorder, it is a prime example of overreaction and careless driving on the road resulting in further emotional damage.

Something as small as being cut off can set the calmest of people off, and there should no longer be tolerance of road rage as a daily occurrence that is acceptable.

Steps can be taken to prevent yourself from cases of road rage, including leaving on time or earlier for your destination.

Being on a time crunch will cre-

ate the perfect environment for an angry driver, as constant red lights and heavy traffic to delay the drivers arrival can easily result in anger.

Realizing that the driver who cut you off could have not had malicious or obvious intent to do you harm is another tip of advice.

To go along with 76's "Stop Honkapholism" campaign, order a "honk suppressor," or even a stress ball, and place it in your glove compartment just in case you need to vent.

It will always be better to take your anger out on a foam ball rather than your car horn, and will probably save your middle finger from doing any unnecessary exercises.

Take your time, treat your car well, and respect the other drivers around you, as even though some situations on the road are out of your control, road rage will never be the answer.

## A nation that feeds off paranoia and hysteria

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press..."

The first amendment of the Constitution states that our freedom of speech is, and should be protected.

In the case of Cameron Dambrosio, saying things or posting things on the world wide web can get you charged for communicating terrorist threats, and a state felony which is punishable with up to 20 years according to <http://gawker.com/> (bit.ly/132KKUU).

He was arrested for posting a video of himself on the internet which allegedly involved him rapping terrorist threats about the Boston bombings.

Law enforcement could have handled the situation in better way rather than charge a high school stu-



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dent with a state felony. It definitely over reacted.

America needs to focus on the bigger picture. North Korea's threats have more legitimacy than a teenager rapping on the internet being considered a threat.

Though it is an issue because terrorism has many people in a frenzy after the Boston Marathon and Dambrosio's choice of action is not so welcome at a time like this.

A better example would probably be 9/11, after the crash in the twin towers, many didn't even want to fly in an airplane.

Hysteria rose, and law enforcement over reacted by racial profiling.

These situations are very similar to the point where if you do the wrong thing at the wrong time you will get penalized severely.

Cameron Dambrosio's case gives teenagers everywhere a wake up call. They have to watch what goes up on the web and what is posted. Once it's up, it's there for everyone to see.

The phrase "Desperate times call for desperate measures," doesn't justify the paranoia and branding everyone a criminal in the name of national security.

Like Benjamin Franklin once said, "They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."

## Pandora's box of foolishness



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Open-source intelligence is best defined as information that can be accessed and procured from public sources.

Guess what, Facebook is a wonderful venue for open-source intelligence collection. This means that the college confessions pages on that same site make great places for hunting for information.

This is not to say that an intelligence collection agency like the CIA is actively spying on you and building a profile on where you work or what you like to eat.

However, there is too much information that is disregardedly put on Facebook.

The anonymity of these confessions pages does not help in protecting information from falling into the wrong hands.

Not all confessions on these pages are true or even actual confessions. Some of them are comments designed to generate drama.

These are not problems for those skilled in open-source intelligence collection and analysis.

Here's the truth about collecting and analyzing information: you do not need to be trained by the CIA to do both. Nor do you have to buy and read a copy "Cyber stalking for Dunces" to find and best interpret the information carelessly posted on a confessions page.

There are blog posts and websites that explain how to collect and understand data, even if the sources are anonymous.

These tools and the information on these blogs and sites can be used for obtaining information that was supposed to be kept secret among a few.

The cliché of "knowledge is power" holds true in regard to taking advantage of what information people freely leak on a confessions page.

The Internet is a great place to learn how to do open-source intelligence collection and analysis.

In light of these details, somebody can dedicate time to regularly visit a college campus and learn about the students there. Then, the same individual could make a file on students he/she befriended or learned of.

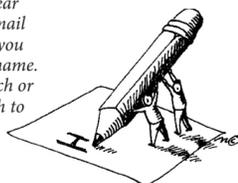
The regular visitor knows about the school he/she visits and its students. He/she can gather and interpret the information he/she comes across on a confessions page.

This same person could take the time to figure out who posted which comment about whom.

The truth is that a few students at Cerritos Community College are able to know who are responsible for which comments and who are the subjects of a confession on Cerritos Falcons Confessions Facebook page.

"In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin [there is not a lack of sin]; but he that refraineth his lips is wise" (Proverbs 10:19).

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# Be mature before you get into bed



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We live in a world, where sex is everywhere. However that doesn't mean we should be having sex with every human being we see.

Sex is in the books we read, our favorite television shows, and in our favorite movies.

Even some family and friends tend to be silent to the issue, and at times can exacerbate the issue.

However that doesn't mean we should be having sex with every human being we see.

The media portrays sex in a more casual way than what it looked like 50 years ago.

As of 2012, in the U.S. alone there are 112 million people over the age of 18 who are unmarried, according to Unmarried.org.

That means there is going to be a lot of people looking for that special someone and there is going to be a lot of sex between singles that are dating.

According to Guttmacher.org, although only 13 percent of teens have had sex by age 15. Most initiate sex in their later teen years. By their 19th birthday, seven of 10 female and male teens have had intercourse.

This statistic is extremely alarming and holds precedence to the issue of how young people are having sex.

Not only that but those who practice sex at an early age run chance having an unexpected baby.

With that comes responsibility and certain maturity that goes with taking care of a child. It isn't a very

popular notion that young people having babies won't make the best parents in the whole world.

Single people should have a healthy sexual lifestyle, which means not having sex with every single person at the drop of a dime.

Don't get it wrong, sex is good for you. According to WebMD.com, sex can balance ones blood pressure, make you immune to colds and other infections, and is an another way to burn calories.

Other than the obvious point that through more sex there is a greater chance for people to get a sexually transmitted disease. According to ESCRH.eu.

Since 2009 the number of people having sex without contraception with a new partner has increased from 38 percent to 53 percent in the U.S.

Also in America there are well over 2 million deaths each year from STDs, according to Life123.com

Also having sex when you are young could also have real detrimental affects on the way people view relationships.

Having the mind set that you are going to have sex with everyone you date will make some people think that relationships are just about getting it on.

This is detrimental to today's youths' mental state regarding their understanding of relationships and a healthy sexual life.

This particular unhealthy way of dating will not lead to healthy relationships with people.

It will mostly likely make the person stay in a relationship limbo.

Young people should be conscientious about sex, yet still look for their perfect man or woman that they might get later on in life.

**“What historical figure would like to see in the 21st century?”**

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**MAJA SAMHAT**  
*Business major*  
“Abraham Lincoln. He made major changes and what he stood up for has led to a united nation.”

**DALTON FOSTER**  
*Undecided major*  
“Martin Luther King Jr. There are lot of positive and negative things in society and just to see him address (them) would be good.”

**RANDY LAFARETTE**  
*Nursing major*  
“Jesus Christ. I would love to meet him, (and) to talk to him. I have been following him my whole life.”

**LAYLA SAMB**  
*Biology major*  
“Malcolm X. He had the courage to stand up for what other people didn't.”

# Amnesty for all undocumented people in the U.S.



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All undocumented people living in the United States should receive citizenship.

With the anticipation of a reform being in the process of passing, allegations between democrats and republicans seems to rise.

According to NBC reports that there is approximately 11.1 million undocumented immigrants living in the United States.

If the United States gave out citizenship to all 11 million undocumented immigrants in the country it wouldn't only bring in more money for the country and taxes, but it would also mean give licenses to those who drive.

Allowing them to get insured in case of an accident they would be covered instead of keeping it from the DMV and causing problems for those who do have insurance and a license.

It would also mean that those 11 million undocumented people could finally go back to their country of origin and be reunited with their families once again.

Undocumented students would greatly be benefited by the reform.

They could finally receive all the help they can get to finish college eventually bringing in more edu-

cated people into careers that can bring in more money to our countries debt.

If everyone who lived in this country was given citizenship there would be no fear of being deported and having to work with a fake social security.

Giving those undocumented immigrants a valid one would mean they would have to file taxes.

Also, give back to the government who would use that money to fix our roads and fund more scholarships to our incoming students.

Making it an all around circle that develops more graduates overtime, bringing in more jobs and entrepreneurs into our economy creating more and better jobs.

If the government passed a reform companies wouldn't hire undocumented workers who are willing to work for more hours and less pay benefiting the employer and affecting our economy.

If everyone had a work permit and was given their full benefits as it should be then employers would be forced to hire people based on their experiences instead of their lower acceptance of pay.

In the end it benefits everyone because if a reform is passed, people could be reconnected with their families, students could finally receive financial aid.

## Letter to the editor:

I love it when secular fundamentalists attempt to discredit certain aspects of the Christian faith by making many broad and unsubstantiated claims.

I'm speaking about the "Sermons Are For Churches Only" piece in the most recent edition of Talon Marks. Where should I begin?

The very beginning of the article amazed me! The author says, "Why should we be respectful of people who hold this belief [i.e., Creationism]?" Wow, is this author that close-minded to say such a thing?

In a day where tolerance and open-mindedness are placed on our society's value pedestal, one would assume that differing points of view would, at the very least, be heard and respected. Apparently, this author doesn't believe this should be so.

What about his statement that "... creationism is based around a Christian point of view." Is this so?

Granted, many individuals have associated the Creationism notion in our society with Christianity; however, Christians certainly are NOT the only ones who hold to a creation view of the earth. Jews, Muslims and others affirm Creationism as

Well so let's start telling the whole truth and stop singling Christianity out.

Next, the author states, "...it would be wrong to force one religious ideology on every student." What's interesting is that this author seems to see no problem with forcing one secular ideology on every student.

Secularism is a faith based system regardless of whether this author realizes it or not; moreover, none of the natural sciences could even be in operation without certain faith commitments.

He then goes on to opine, "It seems like the push for creationism is less about teaching the controversy and more about stamping out opposing views and converting students." Incredible! I would love for this author to offer evidence of where this is taking place.

Where are teachers losing jobs and/or being ridiculed and bullied for teaching evolution?

Where are students being harassed and bullied for embracing the evolution paradigm?

I dare to say we see the exact opposite in the news and in our society. As a matter of fact, the purpose of the author's piece is an attempt to rid the schools of Creationism as a viable viewpoint.

He's not peeling for schools to teach both sides of the issue fairly and accurately.

He wants to "stamp out opposing views." So much for tolerance and fairness!

The author's next claim is that "Creationism also has

no evidence that supports the belief and has not held up to scrutiny from the scientific community."

He then goes on to give a caricature of what probably a minority of Creationists believe.

If we take Creationism simply to mean that God created the earth then one does not have to hold to the various subpoints which the author states (e.g., Adam and eve living with dinosaurs and the age of the earth).

Those are all separate issues and one can hold to a Creationist view without affirming any of those notions.

That this author would claim there's no evidence for an intelligent being behind the creation and design of the earth is humorous.

I wonder if he's ever read any books by contemporary advocates of Creationism or Intelligent Design (similar to Creationism). My guess is, no.

Lastly, he concludes, "People have the right to their beliefs but religion is a personal matter that is based on faith and should not be forced on others." Yes, religion is based on faith but so is secularism.

So why should one think it is okay to have one's secular ideology forced upon others in the public square?

Let's be clear, as Phillip Johnson, former UC Berkeley law professor, has pointed out, the issue is a philosophical one. It's not necessarily between Creationism and Evolution.

It's really between naturalism and non-naturalism. Naturalism says that all that exists is the physical world and nothing more. There's not supernatural; there's no God.

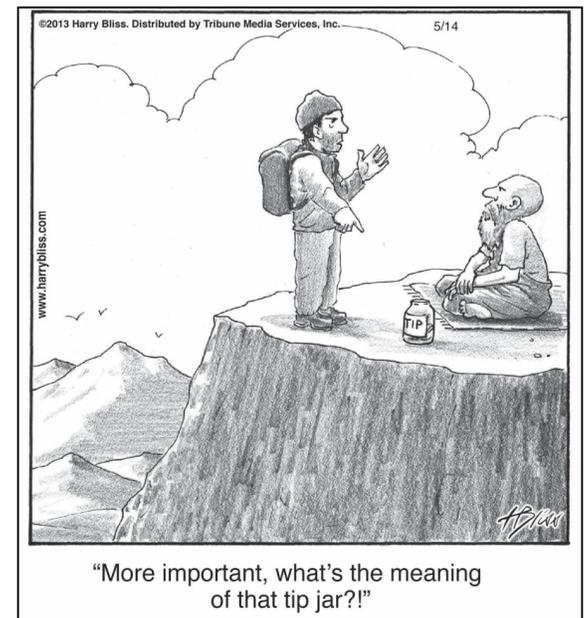
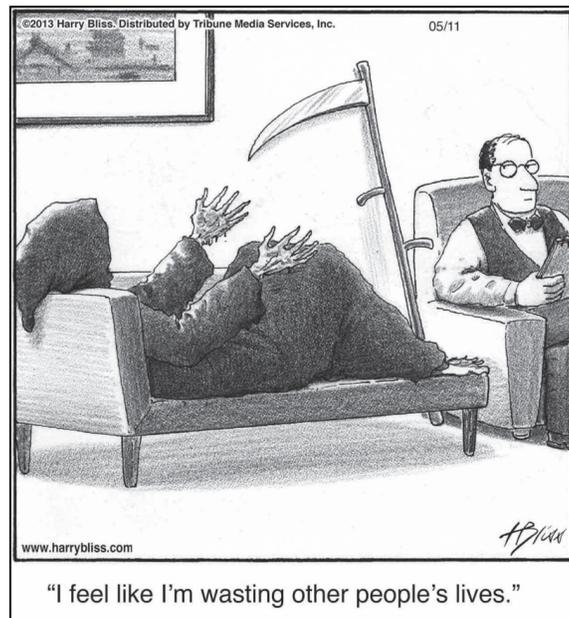
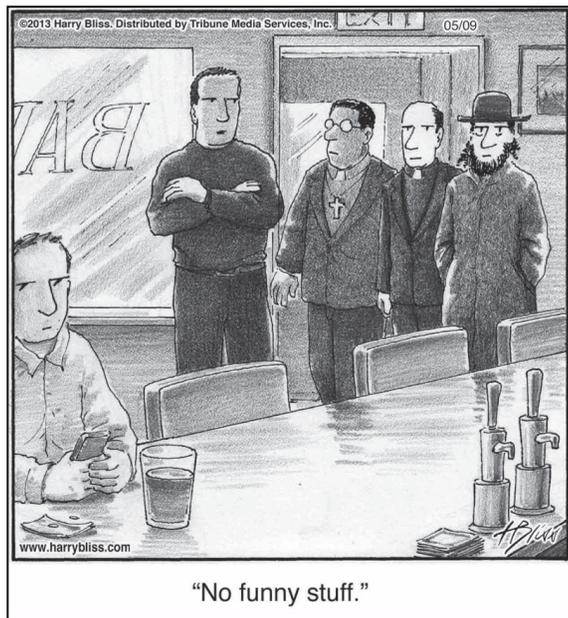
Non-naturalists would claim the opposite. That's what the bottom line issue is. For the naturalist, Evolution is the only option regarding the origin of the earth.

God is not and cannot be a possibility because of the view's presuppositions. The non-naturalist (e.g., theists) can be open to either option.

There are many contemporary Christian Theists who affirm a notion known as Theistic Evolution which they believe affirms the teaching of the Bible and also affirms evolution.

Again, the heart of the issue is the philosophical presuppositions behind each world view and that is where the conversation starting point should begin.

Respectfully,  
Eric Diaz (Undecided major)



## Calendar of events

**May 15**

**Jazz and Pop Concert**

**6 p.m.  
Burnight Center  
free admission**

**May 16**

**Cypress College  
Film Festival  
6 p.m. Free  
Admission**

**May 16**

**Choir/Band  
Spring Concert  
7 p.m.  
Burnight Center  
\$10 general  
admission**

**May 16**

**Theater and  
Film Department  
scholarship  
winners  
announced**

**May 17**

**Final Day  
of the  
Student Art  
Exhibit**

**May 19**

**Piano Ensemble Final  
Concert  
BC-51  
4 p.m.  
free parking and  
admission**

**May 20**

**Final Week of the  
semester starts**

**May 24**

**Last day of the  
semester**

**May 25**

**Los Angeles Indie  
Improv Festival  
Free Admission**

**May 26**

**27th Annual Jazz/  
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# The Art of Survival

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Every student struggles to make a living doing what they love. Some become teachers or doctors who give people what they need, while others become scientists and lawyers who give people what they want.

The artist is given the job of making

one feel an emotion. Through music, films, painting, and even animations, artists have created visual mediums of expression. An artist will spend time and effort to make sure that every detail is correct. Putting his work on display for others to admire or judge, artists live a very public lifestyle.

Unfortunately, happiness doesn't pay the bills. With the conception of

the "starving artist" already placed in the minds of many, it is a wonder why students still choose fine arts related majors. Some realize this and decide to keep the hobby, but lose the major.

Hoping to break the mold, Talon Marks found a student who uses his work to get by in this world. By doing what he loves, and loving what he does to prove that you can do more than

just get by the skin of your teeth selling paintings or playing music.

This student, and all art students here on campus, stride in the steps of giants whose names and works are known across the globe. While not all students will become giants themselves, the effort they put makes them a force to admire.

Like Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Every artist was first an amateur."

## Santamaria makes sweet music on and off campus



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**Music Man:** Music Major John Eric Santamaria during a Guitar Master class on May 7th at the music department

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After being part of the Applied Music Program at Cerritos College for two semesters, music major John Eric Santamaria is surprised about how much he's progressed playing the classical guitar in that amount of time.

The Applied Music Program allows music majors to have private music lessons from instructors.

Santamaria's private teacher is guitar instructor David Isaacs.

"Isaacs has helped me with a lot... with (guitar) technique and how to express music more," Santamaria said.

A person playing the classical guitar has to be positioned in proper stance. One has to have a foot stand and sit up straight in order to position the classical guitar in its proper place.

"At first I felt kind of funny. My back (sort of) hurt... (after doing it properly) the pain went away," Santamaria said.

This classical guitarist didn't start off as a music major.

After moving from the Philippines to the United States to study, Santamaria first wanted to be part of the Culinary Arts Program at Cerritos College. After realizing all the materials that he needed for the program, Santamaria decided not to proceed.

Instead, he realized what his passion really was.

"I found my love for music (in the Music Department). I heard (it) had a great music program," Santamaria said.

The classical guitarist is also part of the Cerritos College Guitar Ensemble, he writes his own solo compositions and writes duet compositions with music education major Javier Castillo.

"I like composing with (Santamaria) very much. He's a very talented guy whose unbridled enthusiasm I find to be inspiring when forming ideas," Castillo said.

He and Santamaria both performed together in the recent open-

ing of the Student Art Exhibition for two hours as a duet playing classical guitar.

"It was pretty cool (to be able to play there). We had people tell us that we sounded good," Santamaria said.

Making his decision of becoming a music major was something his mother did not favor.

"She was against it at first," Santamaria said. That didn't make him change his mind and pick out another major.

The first time Santamaria picked up a guitar was in the sixth grade.

"I was in my first band when I was a junior (in high school)," Santamaria said. He also mentioned that he plays guitar with different people.

Apart from playing music at school, Santamaria is currently a guitarist in two bands.

Two years ago, Santamaria grouped "Midday Knights" but made the band official last April when it had a drummer in the line up. Having a temporary name, Santamaria is also associated with the band Weird Creatures.

He hopes his two bands will find their way in the professional world.

His dream of pursuing his career as a music major is to teach classical guitar to a young audience.

"With classical (music) I want to be able to teach it to kids. Let them understand that music isn't just some certain noise that you hear.

"Music is a story that somebody wrote ... It's part of your emotional expression," Santamaria said.



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Music: Archived photo: Dr. Christine Lopez giving a lecture at the "Do You Hear What I Hear" music seminar on Sept. 28, 2012.

## Students prepare for piano ensemble

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Christine Lopez, director of the applied music and piano studies programs and piano instructor in the Music Department, is looking forward to the piano ensemble final concert, held in room BC 51 on Sunday at 4 p.m.

Tickets for the concert will be free and the parking will be free as well.

Lopez said, "These are piano students who are in the piano ensemble class and many of them are students who are taking private music classes in our applied program and it's required for students to be in this class."

Many students have taken Lopez's piano classes from music level 112 to 115.

Now those students are looking for a different class such as the piano ensemble.

"I encourage them to participate in this piano ensemble class and what piano ensemble is students will be doing duets. Music has been arranged so that you have two sitting at the same piano. And that's why we call it ensemble," Lopez said.

The concert this Sunday has a movie theme, from Disney movies to Rogers and Hammerstein musicals.

"I realized that this is the end of the semester and there is so much music out there that I could put this theme together. We are doing (music from) 'Phantom of the Opera'

and 'Les Miserables,' a little bit of everything really," Lopez said.

The level of experience that will be displayed at the concert is from students at the intermediate level and the advance level.

Lopez said, "It's a nice variety to the program as far as abilities go and some of our students have been in my piano ensemble for many semesters, because they like it, and some of them because they are in the applied program and it's required."

Sujeong Ha, piano major, will be performing at the piano concert and has been in the piano program with Lopez for one semester.

"I have been playing piano for 10 years and I will be playing the soundtrack to the 'Sound of Music,'" Ha said.

## Pokemania makes its way to Cerritos College

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After many years and with a lot of dedication and hard work, Pokémon creators Ken Sugimori and Satoshi Tajiri have finally brought the RPG adventure to another level, with many new Pokémon and other features never seen before such as character customization and being able to ride your Pokémon.

Fred Salanda, psychology major said, "I can't wait for this new game to come out, I'm getting Fennekin."

Fennekin is one of three starter Pokémon whom you get to choose from at the beginning of the game.

However this time it has a twist with rumors going around

that this might be the first time one of the starters is a fire and psychic type finally breaking the cycle of fire and fighting.

Adrian Prieto, English major said, "This is going to revolutionize Pokémon as we know it."

With many changes being implemented to the game many fans are excited to see what new surprises are in store for trainers all over the world. Pokémon games are usually released in Japan first later being followed by the U.S. and finally Europe. However, this is the first time that there is going to be a worldwide release.

This mean that if any surprises are going to be discovered they're going to be to those who put in more time into their gaming.

Jairo Chaidez, biology major stated, "I hope they have new

evolutions for first generation Pokémon such as Pinsir and second generation Pokémon such as Heracross."

With a new Eevee evolution being released and a different form of the first legendary super being known as Mewtwo, speculations have arose when it comes to these rumored evolutions.

Many special events will be taking place from now on until the release of Pokémon X and Y in October. Nintendo has already started selling new versions of the portable gaming system 3DS XL with a special edition Pikachu version and a Charizard version only sold in Japan.

New adventures await our trainers so don't be surprised if you see a Pokémon Club starting real soon in Cerritos College.

## More music entertainment for students in upcoming concerts

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Upcoming concerts at Cerritos College includes "The Jazz & Pop Concert" on Wednesday at 7 p.m. with free admission and the Choir/Band Spring Concert on Friday, also at 7 p.m. with a \$10 general admission fee.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.cerritos.edu/music](http://www.cerritos.edu/music) or an hour before the performance at the door.

Both concerts will take place in the Burnight Center Theatre.

The Music department has over 250 students, and about 100 of them are in the choir alone.

Music concerts have been going on every year at Cerritos College since the campus was open to the public.

The Jazz and Choir bands are going on three to five years of organizing concerts themselves.

Director Anna DeMichele of vocal and choral studies will be leading the Choir/Band Spring Concert. She describes her excitement about every concert she participates in by ex-

plaining how she "(wanted) to teach music was my love so it was a natural fit to teach it."

David Betancourt, jazz ensemble and orchestra professor, will be instructing the Jazz and Pop Concert.

He is excited to showcase what his students have been working on throughout the semester.

"I know everyone that goes (to the concerts) is going to have a great time. I think that they are really going to enjoy both groups. There's going to be many performances with lots of high energy and with a family oriented and party atmosphere," Betancourt said.

After switching from a culinary major to a music major, John Santamaria, who plays guitar at Cerritos College said, "I found my love for music here at Cerritos College and music isn't just noise people hear, it's more of a story being told."

For more information about the concerts, students can visit [http://cms.cerritos.edu/music/concerts/apr-may\\_concerts.htm](http://cms.cerritos.edu/music/concerts/apr-may_concerts.htm) to see a concert containing these concerts and past concerts here at Cerritos College. Students can scan the QR code below to buy tickets.

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## Handball: A growing sport on campus

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The renovation of the Falcon Gymnasium isn't the only thing that has an impact on the students, the outside walls of the facility are greatly appreciated by the handball players.

"It's more than just an activity, handball is a sport and gets just as competitive as any other sport," physiology major Chris Montes said.

Now that the courts are accessible on campus, he mentioned, "I will be spending at least three afternoons of the week competing amongst my friends and challengers."

Although handball players are not recognized, athletes are out there playing on the Cerritos College handball courts day in and day out. Sports involving striking a ball with a hand have been around as long as any other sport.

The courts weren't available for three years as the gym was under going renovations. Along with the opening of the gym in March, the handball courts would also be opened once again.

More and more students are using the courts as handball is growing as a whole.

Although some people have negative thoughts about the game since it is a main activity in the prisons, it keeps growing as a sport.

Undecided major Armando Romero explained what the game means to him.

"(People have) their own hobbies, mine happened to be handball. Since there is no major leagues, me and my partner sign up for tournaments around Los Angeles County."

He added, "Playing handball for the fun of it at Cerritos (College) eases the stress build up in the classroom. It is great how after class during any time of the day I can go to the courts and play since there is a side with shade."

Handball is a game played either one on one or as a pair. The rules vary among the number or walls being used in the court.

Cerritos College has the most common courts used on an outside area, which contain three walls in a box form without the back wall.



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**State:** Freshman Ricky Carrigan Jr. practicing his takeoff for the triple jump. Carrigan Jr. secured his spot in the State Championships after placing fifth in the triple jump at 14.37 meters during the Southern California Championships last Saturday.

## Athletes should be tested



Performance enhancing drugs not only harm the user, but also taint the event or game which the athlete competes in. Athletes of different levels of competition should be tested to prevent the vast amount of negatives from occurring.

This includes the Community College sporting level, as it is an area which athletes can compete to eventually transfer to bigger and better means of competition, such as four-year universities and even professional leagues.

Since athletes will be tested at the professional level and possibly at universities, how can they skate by at community colleges, essentially having the opportunity to cheat their way into these higher levels?

This isn't stating that all community college athletes will test positive, or are even taking PEDs, and that all sports below university level are tainted.

There would be zero harm, however, in avoiding this situation from happening with easy prevention methods, such as testing athletes midway through the season.

In the past 15 years, there has been a small string of professional athletes, who were household names before the fiasco, that had later either tested positive or come out saying that they were users of performance enhancing drugs.

While this is prevalent in the sport of baseball in the likes of Barry Bonds and even Manny Ramirez during his Dodgers tenure, former professional road racing cyclist Lance Armstrong gained national attention for "doping" throughout his career.

Despite these athletes losing their endorsement deals and receiving bans, PED use looks as if it is common, and necessary in order to reach a higher level of sport in multiple situations.

This could in turn lead younger athletes to believe that in order to reach their maximum potential, steroids need to become a part of their lifestyle and game plan.

The implementation of drug testing for doping and performance enhancing drugs would benefit every level of gaming, especially community colleges.

This idea should be taken seriously and definitely attempted in the future, as a cleaner game with cleaner athletes would only make for a better overall league.

# On to the next track

## The track and field teams look to continue recent success at the State Championships

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Men's and women's track and field distance coach, Daniel Ozan, believed the teams performed just as expected at the Southern California Championships and praised athletes who qualified for the State Championships.

"This past weekend went pretty well," Ozan said.

"Athletes qualified for the finals this past week. And a few 10k athletes made (the) State (Championships). Most of the athletes who I thought would make the finals, made the finals."

The men and women's track team performed at the Southern California Prelims in Antelope Valley College on May 4 and saw eight runners finish in the top six for the men's team.

The teams then performed in the Southern California Championships Saturday resulting in a first place finish for the women's team. The men's side came in fourth.

Freshman George Robinson, who primarily runs the 400-meter, the 800-meter, and the relay believed the team really excelled at its relays and is content with the team's overall standing.

"(The team) didn't do that well

in the 800 (meter) but (it was) fighting the wind, it was really windy," he said. "On the four-by-four we did much better. We came in second in our heat and sixth overall so we'll move on from here."

Robinson added, "I'm just looking forward to qualifying for the four-by-four to go to state."

Freshman Alexis Dalton earned a distance of 6.04 meters in the long jump for the women's team, which is the second best in school history.

Sophomore Nkechi Odili-Obi tied up with Dalton in the high jump for first place with a height of 1.58 meters.

Despite the performance Odili-Obi had at the meet, she still believes there is room for improvement and specifically notes the mental aspect of the sport.

"I need stop over thinking," she



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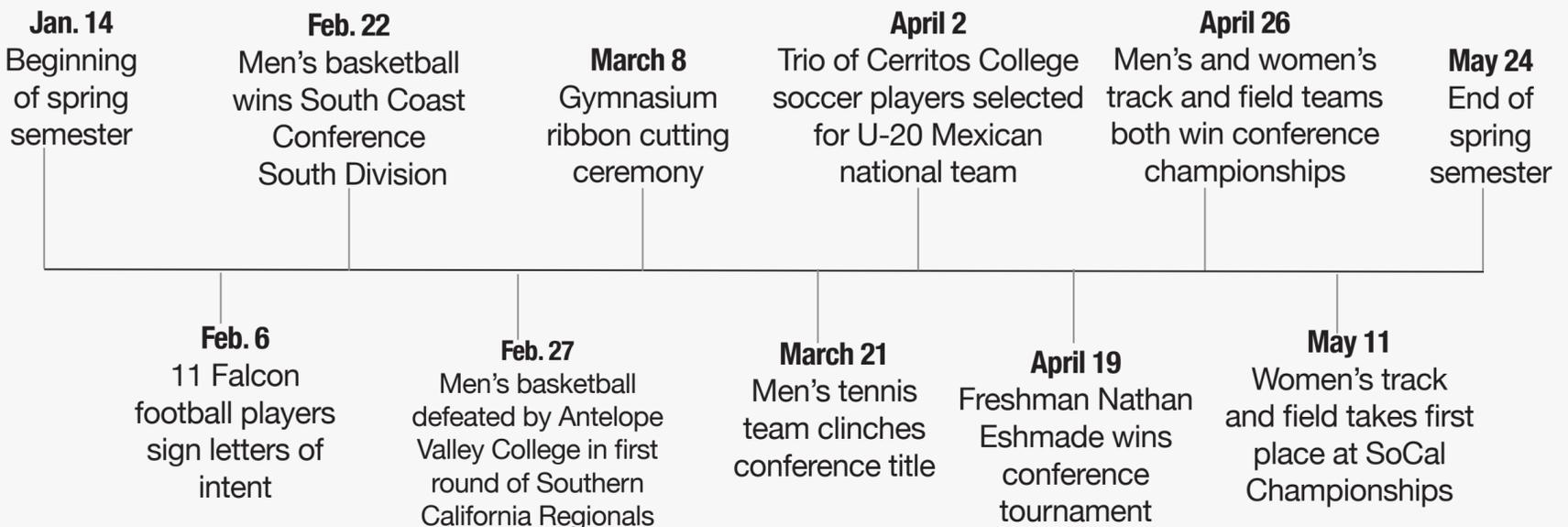
said. "I tend to over think and ask too many questions instead of trusting my instincts and the training that I have received."

She added, "I'm looking to maintain my times and do better. I need to stay in focus and relax. I'm looking forward to it."

The teams will participate in the State Championships held at the College of San Mateo Friday and Saturday.

"We just have to keep practicing," said Robinson. "Improvement starts at practice."

## 2013 spring sports timeline



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# A look back at the semester in sports

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The track and field teams prepare to compete in the State Championships this weekend, while the rest of the Cerritos College sports teams are in the off season.

The semester began with the men's basketball team making a run toward the playoffs.

After a 10-3 conference record handed the Falcons the South Coast Conference South Division title, they then suffered a defeat in the first round of the Southern California Regionals losing to Antelope Valley College 69-54.

As for the women's basketball team, an inexperienced and injury plagued team played a huge part in the team's 8-8 conference record which would keep it out of the playoffs.

The men's swim season ended with a 17th place finish at the State Championships and a third place finish in conference.

Three school records were broken in three relays at the South Coast Conference Championships, including the 400-yard medley relay, the 400-yard freestyle relay and the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Head coach Joe Abing sees the season as an accomplishment, "Our men's swim season was a success. I'm excited to see many of the freshman return for another successful season next year."

On the women's side of the pool, the Falcons finished in 11th place at the State Championships.

It was a season in which three school records were also broken at the South Coast Conference Championships including the 200-yard freestyle relay, 100-yard individual medley and the 200-yard medley relay.

A 5-1 conference record was good enough to give the men's tennis team the conference title.

Freshman Nathan Eshmade, who was seeded No. 2 in the State Championships, was defeated by No. 1 seeded Sam Bertram of Fresno City College in the semi finals of the State Championships to end the Falcons' season.

After coming off a 7-29 season last year, the baseball team slightly improved this season as it ended with an overall 14-29 record.

Head coach Ken Gaylord admitted that working with a young team isn't easy.

"We had a very young team that worked very hard. There is a lot to build on," he said.

As for the softball team, it ended the season winning 10 out of its last 11 games and finishing with a remarkable 16-1 home record.

However, the Falcons were knocked out of the first round of the CCCAA Regional Playoffs in a best of three-game series to San Diego Mesa College.

The women's track and field team placed first in the Southern California Championships while the men's side finished in fourth.

The teams now await to compete in the State Championships that will be held this weekend at College of San Mateo.

Christopher Richardson, director of track and field, is in his first year at Cerritos College and is loving the experience.

"The track and field season has and is going better than I could have ever expected, especially implementing fairly new administrative and team practices and procedures," he said.

Richardson is happy with all his athletes so far and hopes he can close out the spring sports season on a good note.

"We were fortunate to have some very talented athletes and watched some athletes continuously exceed expectations."



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**Flashback:** From left to right: Sophomore point guard Anthony Holliday, freshman point guard Amir McCormick, and freshman guard Kevin Conrad during a game versus Los Angeles Harbor College on Feb. 20. The team achieved a 16-11 record.



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**The pitch:** Freshman pitcher Jamie Ramirez in a game against El Camino College on April 23. Ramirez ended the season with a 2.56 earned run average and struck out 41 batters.



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